

I oppose loosening the rules designed to promote and protect diversity of media ownership. These rules were adopted to ensure that the public would receive a diverse range of viewpoints from the media, and not simply the opinions of a handful of media conglomerates. The cable ownership

cap is a crucial element of our democratic media, and it should not be weakened.

Time/Warner already has a monopoly in our area, and continues to raise rates regularly. We have no option but to comply with their new rate schedule or give up cable television all together. I fail to see how letting even fewer companies own a majority of the market will improve this situation. Capitalism requires competition to function effectively. Lack of competition can only have negative benefits for the consumer.